

HONORING COMMANDER JOSEPH R. DRINKHOUSE FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Joseph R. Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service in the United States Navy Reserve. As he nears his official retirement on January 1, 2009, Commander Drinkhouse deserves respect and appreciation for his long service in the United States Armed Services.

Commander Drinkhouse served the first 12 years of his Navy career as an enlisted intelligence specialist first class. During this time, his responsibilities increased as he served as an intelligence analyst, team leader, group leader, and leading petty officer. In 1980, Commander Drinkhouse received a direct commission as an intelligence officer with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Commander Drinkhouse received full credentials as an officer agent in 1986, while serving in the Naval Investigative Service Reserve Unit 0893. He supervised an investigative team and conducted criminal investigations, including witness and suspect interviews, scene processing, and evidence collection. Commander Drinkhouse was transferred to Reserve Intelligence Area 15 in 1997, where he set up a team of officers and agents to take part in joint task force exercises as counterintelligence scriptors. For his service during this time, Commander Drinkhouse was awarded the prestigious Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy.

Over the past decade Commander Drinkhouse has completed multiple deployments to Bahrain in the Middle East. In 2001, he provided force protection support to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Middle East Field Office. Commander Drinkhouse also wrote and headed terrorist based exploitation assessment operations and vulnerability assessments while stationed in Bahrain. These services earned Commander Drinkhouse two additional Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals from the Secretary of the Navy. In addition, Commander Drinkhouse provided force protection support at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Over his long career Commander Drinkhouse has won many awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Navy Expert Rifle Medal and Navy Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, Commander Drinkhouse is an excellent role model for young Americans considering serving in the United States Armed Forces. He is an inspiration to service members everywhere, and to all citizens of our great nation. I commend Commander

Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service to our country and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF GLENN W. KRUEGER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Glenn W. Krueger on the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of his outstanding commitment to his country, his family, and his community. Glenn is retiring as Fire Chief after 41 years of dedicated service to the city of Brook Park.

Glenn Krueger has an immeasurable track record of community and public service. Prior to becoming a fire fighter in Brook Park, Ohio in 1967, he served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963. He was hired as a fire fighter for the city of Brook Park on September 15, 1967. Fire fighters often endure long work hours and dangerous conditions when responding to emergency calls. Fire fighters put their lives on the line everyday to protect and serve the community; and are often the first emergency workers to respond to critical situations. In addition to protecting the public from hazardous situations, many fire fighters like Glenn become certified EMT's in order to provide medical treatment at the scene. Glenn was promoted to Lieutenant in 1973 and served as a certified EMT for 6 years. He was again promoted in 1986, this time as Captain of the Brook Park Fire Department. He would serve in that position for 13 years, until his promotion to Fire Chief 8 years ago.

Glenn and his wife Carol Jaye have been married for 46 years and have resided in the city of Brook for the last 36 years. They have five children; Christi, Tricia, Rebecca, Glenn and Scott; and have six grandchildren; Cory, Alicia, Rob, Leah, Jeremy and Jordan.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Glenn W. Krueger, and in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to the city of Brook Park, on the occasion of his retirement as a fire fighter after 41 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE COOPERATIVES ORGANIZATION

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on the day that the House is considering far-reaching legislation that encourages the development of renewable energy please join me in applauding the efforts of the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization (NRCO).

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) recently announced its participation in the efforts of this newly formed national cooperative to help electric cooperatives develop renewable energy resources through projects and infrastructure improvements.

NCEMC is a generation and transmission cooperative that supplies all or part of the en-

ergy needs to the state's electric cooperatives. North Carolina's electric cooperatives provide energy to 2.5 million people in 93 of 100 counties, primarily in rural parts of the State. The electric cooperatives own and maintain 95,000 miles of power lines, by far the most of any electric utility in North Carolina.

Generation and transmission cooperatives across the nation are already working to further develop renewable resources and many are purchasing renewable energy credits. NRCO provides expertise and information for participating co-ops and provides the opportunity to match the needs of some cooperatives with the practical potential of others.

It is anticipated that NRCO will work with the North Carolina's electric cooperatives' newly formed renewable company, GreenCo Solutions, Inc., to identify cost-effective projects and opportunities to purchase renewable energy credits that will benefit consumers in the future.

By working closely together and sharing information, these electric cooperatives will be able to minimize investment risks and maximize the benefits. This is an important effort with enormous potential to help move America toward energy independence.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the important outstanding collective and collaborative efforts of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization.

IN HONOR OF RON BROWN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his work for social justice and dedication to the Parma Democratic Party. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, recognize Ron as the Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year.

Ron has an immeasurable track record of community and public service in the local Democratic Party and for the city of Parma. He graduated from Valley Forge High School in Parma Heights in 1996 and continued his education at Cuyahoga Community College, where he earned a degree in business administration. His dedication to serving the residents of Parma is demonstrated by his 14 years of public service for the city of Parma. He currently works as a case manager for the Parma Public Housing Department and is always at the forefront of activism on behalf of the citizens of Parma.

Ron earns the award of Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Parma Democratic Party. For years, Ron has worked diligently with the community on voter registration and has volunteered as a precinct chairman. A familiar face to many in the community, he has gone door-to-door, volunteered at polls and canvassed for all the democratic elected officials in Parma. Ron has been a tremendous volunteer and leader for the local Democratic Party.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his commitment to social justice and public